Celebration of Life & Homegoing

For

Deacon Dwight Woodrow Pickens



Sunset
February 1, 2010

Funeral Service Held at:

East Oakland Deliverance Center

7425 International Blvd Oakland, California 94621

> Bishop Ray Mack Host Pastor

On Wednesday, February 10, 2010 11:00 am

> Officiating: Bishop Melvin V. Scott

Reflection of Life

The book of life opened for Deacon D.W. Pickens on August 29, 1930 in Quinlan, Texas to the proud parents of O.D. and Eliza Pickens. He was the third child of 12 children. The family moved to California in 1944, D.W. attended Columbia Grammar School and Edison High School.

Deacon D.W. Pickens accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and later received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Fresno Temple Church of God in Christ in Fresno, California under the pastoralship of the late Elder H.Y, Rodgers where he acquired the love for the piano and trumbone.

In 1950 D. W. was drafted into the Army and served four years, where he was given the name Dwight Woodrow Pickens. After returning from the Service he was acquainted with a young lady he saw at a neighborhood pool some years earlier, He said to himself "That is going to be my wife!" Years later, D.W. married the love of his life, Glanner Mae Tarkington on September 3, 1955 and to this union four children were born: Dwight Edward, Gregory Lee, Sharon Elaine, and Corey Lynn. He was employed at Community Hospital in Fresno until he moved his family to Oakland CA. He worked at Highland Hospital and attended college where he studied to become a coroner, then was hired at Alameda County Coroner's Bureau as a Deputy Coroner and later retired after 28 years of service. D.W. became an independent businessman and started his own business named Aloe Vera Forever Living which has been profitable for over twenty-five years.

D.W. enjoyed boxing, rodeos, and everything that involved animals in the wild. He desired for ALL of his Grandchildren to be Saved and filled with the holy Ghost!! He Loved his ENTIRE family!!

Deacon Dwight Pickens was preceded in death by his father, O.D Pickens, mother, Evange list Eliza Pickens, his sisters, baby Pickens, Deeolla Hill, Missionary Carrie Lee Muccular, and Sarah Pickens; his brothers John D. Pickens, J.P. Pickens, Isaac Pickens, Larkes Pickens, and Cliffus Pickens.

Deacon Dwight Pickens leaves to celebrate his life, his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Glanner Mae Pickens, four children Dwight Jr. (Georgette), Gregory (Ronette), Dr. Sharon (Elder James Pree) and Elder Corey (Yvonne) Mary Mandel (Harry), Gladys, Pastor Alfred Fisher all of Oakland California Adrian and Toni Houston of Sacramento CA. Two Sisters, Mother Elizzem Wilson, Evangelist Virginia Powers. 26 Grandchildren and 19 Great-Grandchildren and a host of Nieces and nephews whom he Loved dearly.

When we first got together,

You were everything I wanted,

You were everything I needed and desired.

I truly believe the Good Lord meant for me to Love You,

and He made it easy to do for the past 54 years..

I am so Grateful that GOD gave US

that time to laugh together,

cry together, and create a Beautiful Family together...

Rest on "Honey'.. I 'll see You later....





<u> Dadd</u>y's Little Girl

Little girls think their Daddy's are the greatest in the world... But Little girls grow up and find out her father is just human.

Little girls think their Daddy's are perfect and will never do anything wrong...

But Little girls grow and find out their Father is just human.

Little girls think their Daddy's will always know what to do and say in any circumstance...

But Little girls grow up and find out their Fathers are human.

Although Little girls want to keep their Daddy's forever... Little girls grow up and find out their Fathers are human.

In turn, Daddy wants to keep their little girls forever to...
But Daddy's find out their Little girls are no longer babies, but are Daughters who are human too

Throughout life both Little girls and Daddy's change and grow, as do their relationships through the years.

Now is the time to let My Daddy go and embrace My heavenly who is both human and Devine

Love your Daughter Dr. Sharon Elaine Pree

Don't Cry for Me

Don't sit there and cry for me, I'm resting in peace don't you see,

I've already run my race and I want to see my Savior's face.

So dry your eyes and stop your crying, don't worry about my dying.

It is a debt we all must pay, we all must sleep right on away,

So don't cry for me.

Please be strong, you'll be sad, but not for long.

I want you to make preparation everyday, then you'll be ready to come my way,

I was with you for many years, we had our doubts, we had our fears,

But I've grown tired, and I need to rest, you know that God only wants the best.

But look upon me with a smile; Thank God that I was with you for a while.

I'll be waiting in Heaven somewhere,

so prepare for the day that I meet you in the air.

For Jesus is coming soon,

and I want you to be there.

Dwight Jr's Children

Jamal Facks

Stanley Tierra

Javante Dwight III

Deantre

Gregory's Children

Laguanda

Bahate

De'Ebra

Sharon's Children

Benicia

Lamont

Jamika

Corey's Children

Victoria

Corey Jr.

Celice

Dominique

Alexis

Sherrrita

Jermaine

Camarri

DaMariae

Shamar

Shamaria

Fada

Kayden

Great-Granchildren:

LaBria, JaKari, Jaylon, LaTavia, LaDainian, Jamione, LaBrenden, Shamollla, Shania, Stanley Jr., Carvell, Corey III, Marshae, Mikel, Coreion, Mia, Maurice Jr., Baby Malik (due April 2010) and Jamaria.

Order Of Celebration

Deacon Dwight Woodrow. Pickens Sr.

MUSICAL PRELUDE
PRESIDINGElder Gary McCullar
PROCESSIONAL
INVOCATION
SCRIPTURE OLD TESTAMENT
SELECTIONFamily Choir
REMARKS & EXPRESSIONS FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES min.
SPECIAL EXPRESSION
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS AND TELEGRAMSBridgette Pittman
SELECTIONPickens Family Choir
FAMILY TRIBUTESBenicia Cobb
RESOLUTION
OBITUARYMother Mary Morris
PRECIOUS MEMORIES
GLIMPSE TIL GLORYThompson Staff
RECESSIONAL

Active Pallbearers

Carl Smith Fred Philips Phil Bromley Stanley Pickens Jamal Pickens Jerome Dorsey

Honorary Pallbearers

Dwight Pickens Jr.
Jack Pickens
Rickey Sanders
Lamont Pittman
Elder Asberry Scott
Elder William Hill
Elder James Pree
Alfred Fisher
Michael Ford



Acknowledgements It is comforting to know that during this time of great loss we can depend on the constant love, prayers and comfort offered by so many. The Pickens family thanks you all for this expression of kindness.

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